

## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION 1155 DEFENSE PENTAGON WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155

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Ref: 18-F-1782

Mr. Ninan Duvall MuckRock News DEPT MR 60527 411 A Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Mr. Duvall:

This is in response to your September 11, 2018, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is attached for your convenience. We received your request on September 20, 2018 and assigned it case number 18-F-1782. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), a component of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), conducted a search of their records systems based on the information provided in your request. After thorough searches of the electronic records and files of DARPA, no documents of the kind you described could be identified. We believe the search methods were appropriate and could reasonably be expected to produce the requested records if they existed.

We have determined that the Army Research Office, Department of Interior, and the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, who operate their own FOIA offices, would have cognizance over the information you have requested. You may request these records, directly from them by submitting your request to the following addresses:

U.S. Army Research Laboratory FOIA Officer ATTN: RDRL-LOC-A 2800 Powder Mill Road Adelphi, MD 20783-1138

Department of the Interior Office of the Secretary, FOIA Office 1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328 Washington, D.C. 20240

Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Freedom of Information Act Office (Code 3.5) 4301 Pacific Highway, OT-4 San Diego, CA 92110-3127 This action closes your request with this office, and there are no assessable fees associated with this response. If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Jim Hogan, at 571-372-0462 or by email at OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil. Also, please note that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to requesters who have disputes with Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS if you have concerns about the processing of your request. Their contact information is provided below:

Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS College Park, MD 20740 E-mail: ogis@nara.gov

Telephone: 202-741-5770

Fax: 202-741-5769

Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to OCMO Office of the Chief Management Officer, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil. If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference case number 18-F-1782 in any appeal correspondence.

If you have any questions about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Ms. Nusheen Sikandar, nusheen.sikandar.civ@mail.mil or 571-372-0437.

Sincerely,

Stephanie L. Car

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Enclosures: As stated.

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September 11, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Any documents about Brain-computer interfaces being tested or used on United States civilians.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Ninan Duvall

Filed via MuckRock.com E-mail (Preferred): 60527-68119549@requests.muckrock.com

For mailed responses, please address (see note): MuckRock News DEPT MR 60527 411A Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02144-2516

PLEASE NOTE: This request is not filed by a MuckRock staff member, but is being sent through MuckRock by the above in order to better track, share, and manage public records requests. Also note that improperly addressed (i.e., with the requester's name rather than "MuckRock News" and the department number)